Documentary on river valley projects

†3757. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so for on the last year's proposal of a documentary film called 'Pani ke Prateek' that provides information about river valley project;

(b) the reasons for withholding these proposals of documentary film which provides information about the achievements of Water Resources; and

(c) the steps being taken for clearance to the proposals for documentary films, exhibiting the achievements?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No proposal for a documentary film called 'Pani ke Prateek' on river valley projects has been received during the last year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Violence against children

3758. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the recently conducted study of the U.N. on Violence against Children, India has the largest number of working children in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the official figure put this number at 11.2 million, while the ILO estimates more than double the 11.2 million figure, apart from 75 million children who are not going to school;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government on this report;

.(d) whether Government would consider to appoint Children's Ombudsman or Children's Rights Commissioner, to protect the rights of children and to bring down violence against them; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) As per information received from the ILO, the UN Secretary General's Study on Violence Against Children, and specifically the chapter on Violence against Children in the workplace, has no reference to the statement appearing in (a) and (b).

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, does not arise.

(d) Government has constituted National Commission for Protection of Child Rights *w.e.f.* 5th March 2007 which will deal with all subjects relating to children's rights including violence against children.

(e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.

Rehabilitation of children employed as domestic servants

3759. SHRI M.V MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive policy for rehabilitation of children, employed as domestic servant and working in dhabas, tea shops and restaurants in the country, especially in metropolitan and other cities of the counry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds allocated, released and actually utilized for implementation of the aforesaid policy in the country; and

(c) the number of children benefited by this policy, as on date, in the country, city-wise/metropolitan city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Since, 1988, Government has been following a comprehensive National Policy on Child Labour. It comprises of strict legislative measures, general development programmes for benefiting child labour and their families and project based action plan in areas of high concentration of child labour, considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach